

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,  
My wife and I are greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television programming covering this round of elections.

Less than one half of 1% of all local programming covers local races and issues. More than half of news broadcasts prior to the 2002 elections did not include a single campaign story.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming.

At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter

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